New blocks for CBM exploration

808. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received 54 bids for coal bed methane blocks in third round;

(b) whether it is also a fact that CBM-III round had attracted more bids than the earlier two rounds put together;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to offer more blocks to the private sector in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes Sir, Government has received 54 bids for the 10 blocks offered under CBM-III round.

(b) Yes, Sir, Government have received 14 and 16 bids for the blocks offered under CBM-I and II rounds respectively as compared to 54 bids in CBM-III alone.

(c) and (d) The Government under the New Exploration Licensing Policy as well a Coal Bed Methane Policy has provided a level playing field wherein it invites bids from private and public sector companies and Indian as well a foreign companies under an Internationally Competitive Bidding (ICB) system.

Share of taxes in price of petrol

809. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the prices of petrol, diesel, kerosene and gas cylinder have been increased during the period from 1st April, 2003 to 1st July, 2006 mentioning the slabs and dates of increase;

(b) the share of taxes in the price of one litre of petrol, diesel and kerosene and one cylinder of cooking gas;

(c) whether Government are going to take up any measure in future so that direct increase in the prices of petrol products may be avoided; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The details of major increases/decreases in retail selling prices of petrol, diesel, kerosene (PDS) and domestic LPG in Delhi from 01.04.2003 till date are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The share of taxes in the price of petrol, diesel, kerosene (PDS) and domestic LPG in the retail selling price is given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Government has been taking all possible measures to ensure that there is no hardship to common man on account of price rise. Despite unprecedented rise in international prices, Government did not increase the prices of PDS kerosene and LPG to protect the interest of the common man and the weaker sections of society. Government adopted the principle of equitable burden sharing amongst three stakeholders, namely, the consumers, the PSU oil companies and the Government to protect the interest of the common man and the voulnerable sections of society. Government along with oil companies has decided to absorb 87.5% of the burden of the escalated international prices of crude oil amounting to Rs. 73,500 crores, leaving only a balance of 12.5% to be borne by the consumers by way of increase in petrol and diesel prices.

Government is closely monitoring the international oil prices and will continue to protect the interests of consumers.

Statement-I

Statement showing major revisions in Retail Selling Price at Delhi from 01.04.2003

	MS (Rs./ litre)	Increa-ses/ Decrea-ses	PDS Ker-sene (Rs./ litre)	Increa-ses/ Decre-ases	HSD (Rs./ litre)	Increa-ses/ Decrea-ses	LPG (Rs./ Cylin-der)	Increa-ses/ Decrea-ses
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
01.04.03	33.49		8.98		22.12		241.20	
16.04.03	32.49	-1.00			21.12	-1.00		
27.04.03	31.49	-1.00			20.12	-1.00		
01.05.03	31.50	0.01#			20.13	0.01#		
16.05.03	30.40	-1.10			19.18	-0.95		
01.06.03	30.30	-0.10			19.08	-0.10		
26.06.03			9.01	0.03 (Revision in Deladers Commission)				
01.09.03	32.40	2.10			20.33	1.25		
01.10.03							241.60 (Revision in Distributors' Commission)	0.40
16.10.03	31.70	-0.70			19.73	-0.60		
16.12.03	32.70	1.00			20.73	1.00		
01.01.04	33.70	1.00			21.73	1.00		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
01.03.04	33.71	0.01#			21.74	0.01#		
16.06.04	35.71	2.00			22.74	1.00	261.60	20.00
01.08.04	36.81	1.10			24.16	1.42		
5.11.04	39.00	2.19			26.28	2.12	281.60	20.00
16.11.04	37.84	-1.16						
01.04.05	37.99	0.15	9.05	0.04	28.32	1.94	294.75	13.15
(VAT Implemented at Delhi)								
04.05.05 (VAT rate on diesel reduced to 12.50%)					26.45	-1.77		
21.06.05	40.49	2.50			28.45	2.00		
07.09.05	43.49	3.00			30.45	2.00		
01.04.2006	43.51	0.02#			30.47	0.02#		
06.06.2006	47.51	4.00			32.47	2.00		
21.06.2006	46.85	-0.66			32.25	-0.22		
(Due to reduction of VAT rates in Delhi on Petrol & Diesel)								
No. of Increases/Decreases (excluding Frieght & Siding Charges)								
No. of Increases		10		2		10		4
No. of Decreases		7		Nil		7		Nil

#(Increases in Freight & Siding Charges)

Statement-II

The break-ups of price components of petrol, diesel, LPG (Domestic) and PDS Kerosene at Delhi are detailed below:

Share of duties and taxes in Retail Selling Price of petrol

(Rs./Litre)

Sl.No.	Particulars	Delhi
1.	Price without Customs Duty, Excise Duty and Sales Tax components	22.60
2.	Custom Duty (@ 7.50% on import parity component included in RTP) (Based on IInd FN of July '06)	1.82 (4%)
3.	Excise Duty (levied @ 8% + Rs. 13.00/litre plus 2% education cess)	15.18 (32%)
4.	Sales Tax	7.25 (16%)
5.	Total of Customs Duty, Excise Duty and Sales tax Components (2+3+4)	24.25 (52%)
6.	Retail Selling Price at Delhi (1+5)	46.85

*Figures in bracket give the components of customs duty, excise duty and sales tax as a % of S.No. 6.

Share of duties and taxes in retail selling price of diesel

(Rs./Ltr.)

1.	Price without Customs Duty, Excise duty and Sales tax Components	21.71
2.	Customs Duty (@ 7.50% on import parity component included in RTP) (Based on IInd FN of July'06)	1.95 (6%)
3.	Excise Duty (levied @ 8% + Rs. 3.25/litre plus 2% education cess)	5.20 (16%)
4.	Sales Tax	3.38 (10%)
5.	Total of Customs Duty, Excise Duty and Sales tax components (2+3+4)	10.54 (33%)
6.	Retail Selling Price Delhi (1+5)	32.25

* Figures in bracket give the components of customs duty, excise duty and sales tax as a % of S.No. 6.

Share of duties and taxes in retail selling price of LPG (Packed Domestic)

(Rs./Cyl.)

Sl.No.	Particulars	Delhi
1.	Price without Customs Duty, Excise duty and Sales tax components	283.41
2.	Customs Duty - Nil	0.00 0%
3.	Excise Duty - Nil	0.00 0%
4.	Sales Tax	11.34 (4%)
5.	Total of Customs Duty, Excise Duty and Sales tax components (2+3+4)	11.34 (4%)
6.	Retail Selling Price at Delhi (1+5)	294.75

* Figures in bracket give the components of customs duty, excise duty and sales tax as a % of S.No. 6.

Share of duties and taxes in retail selling price of kerosene PDS at Delhi

(Rs./Ltr.)

Sl.No.	Particulars	Delhi
1.	Price without Customs Duty, Excise duty and Sales tax components	8.70
2.	Customs Duty-Nil	0.00 0%
3.	Excise Duty-Nil	0.00 0%
4.	Sales Tax	0.35 (4%)
5.	Total of Customs Duty, Excise Duty and Sales tax components (2+3+4)	0.35 (4%)
6.	Retail Selling Price at Delhi (1+5)	9.05

* Figures in bracket give the components of customs duty, excise duty and sales tax as a % of S.No. 6.